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(54) Title: SOLID PARTICLES COMPRISING AN ANTICONVULSANT OR AN IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE COATED WITH ONE OR MORE SURFACE MODIFIERS

(57) Abstract: This invention pertains to the formulation of small-particle suspensions of anticonvulsants, particularly carbamazepine, for pharmaceutical use. This invention also pertains to the formulation of a small-particle suspensions of immunosuppressive agents, particularly cyclosporin, for pharmaceutical use. The particles are coated with one or more surface modifiers.

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A pharmaceutical composition of an anticonvulsant comprising solid particles of the agent coated with one or more surface modifiers, wherein the particles have an average effective particle size of 10 nm-100 micrometers.

2. claims: 25-47

A pharmaceutical composition of an immunosuppressive comprising solid particles of the agent coated with one or more surface modifiers, wherein the particles have an average effective particle size of 10 nm - 100 micrometers

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